

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 920 without my signature.

When I signed the Executive Order in February 2004 creating the California Performance Review, its mission was to make fundamental changes in state government, establish new procedures to create greater efficiencies, prioritize government functions, and create true accountability over the fiscal management of state resources. Energy administration consolidation and restructuring is a priority of my administration and we will pursue comprehensive reform in the next legislative session.

This bill would eliminate the Energy Oversight Board shifting the Boards responsibilities in a manner inconsistent with the recommendations presented by the California Performance Review and prior to completion of an energy reorganization plan. As proposed, this bill would complicate and compromise the administrations ability to integrate the State's fragmented energy functions and implement a comprehensive energy policy. Although I concur with the singular intent to abolish a non-essential board, SB 920 is premature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger